

**DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**  
**INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS**

Hearing Date: November 7, 2003

Subject Matter of Proposed Regulations: RDH exam in California Law and Ethics

Section (s) Affected: 1082.3

Specific Purpose of each adoption, amendment, or repeal:

The proposed addition of Section 1082.3, would formally implement Business and Professions Code Section 1749.1, so that an examination in law and ethics will be required, the content defined, and a passing score established.

Factual Basis:

Business and Professions Code 1749.1 provides that, in addition to any other examinations required by law, the Dental Board may require applicants for licensure as Registered Dental Hygienists (RDHs) to successfully complete an examination in California Law and Ethics.

The proposed addition of Section 1082.3 would formally implement Business and Professions Code Section 1749.1, so that an examination in law and ethics will be required, the content defined, and a passing score established.

The proposed regulation is nearly identical to Title 16, California Code of Regulations Section 1031, which requires a supplemental examination in law and ethics for dentist applicants. Similarly, Section 1081 provides that the written examination for licensure as a Registered Dental Assistant shall contain questions on law and ethics.

The proposed regulation would establish 75% as the passing score, similar to the provisions of Section 1083, which sets 75% as the passing score for all almost all other auxiliary licensure examinations.

Underlying Data

1. Recommendation of the Committee on Dental Auxiliaries to the Dental Board of California, April 4, 2003.
2. Title 16, Regulation Sections 1031, 1081, and 1083.

Business Impact:

This regulation will not have a significant adverse economic impact on businesses.

### Specific Technologies or Equipment

This regulation does not mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment.

### Consideration of Alternatives

No reasonable alternative which was considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Dental Board of California would be either more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulation.